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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS

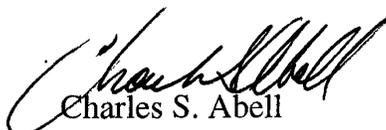
SUBJECT: Approval of Smallpox Implementation Plan

In accordance with the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness memorandum, dated December 13, 2002, Subject: Policy on Administrative Issues Related to Smallpox Vaccination Program (SVP), each Service is required to submit and receive approval of their SVP implementation plan before the program can commence.

The SVP implementation plan was reviewed for thoroughness in addressing: 1) Concepts of Operations, 2) Education, Training and Communication, 3) Access to Healthcare for Active, Reserve, and Emergency-Essential Civilians, and Contractor Personnel, 4) Immunization Tracking, 5) Medical Guidance, and 6) Administrative Guidance.

I have reviewed the Marine Corps SVP implementation plan and have determined it meets the requirements stated above and as intended in the Deputy Secretary of Defense memoranda, dated September 30, 2002 and December 12, 2002. I approve the U.S. Marine Corps SVP implementation plan for service-wide distribution and execution.

This policy is effective immediately and should be communicated to the appropriate parties involved in the implementation of the SVP. Specific questions regarding implementation may be directed to the Office of the Army Surgeon General at (703) 681-5101.


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Principal Deputy

